# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR PLANTATION
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a)the funds allocated by the Government for plantation during the last three years, State-wise;

(b)whether the Government has taken steps to find out whether some States have not adequately utilized the funds; and

(c)if so, the names of such States and the action taken thereon so far by the Government?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme in the country for regeneration of degraded forest and adjoining lands. The scheme is being implemented through a two-tier decentralized mechanism of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees( JFMCs) at village level. During the last three years (2003-04 to 2005-06), 431 FDA projects covering a project area of 4.46 lakh hectares have been approved by the Ministry. An amount of Rs.689.56 crores has been released during the last three years

(2003-04 to 2005-06) under the scheme. The state-wise funds released during last three years are given in Annexure.

(b)and (c) The State-level Coordination Committee of the respective State and the National level Steering Committee of NAP monitors the progress of the utilization of funds. In addition, the Quarterly and Annual Progress Report of Forest Development Agencies are also reviewed at respective levels for speedier utilization of funds. The reports of first concurrent evaluation of FDA projects by independent agencies, commissioned on a sample basis is also shared with State Forest Department for follow-up on recommendations. The implementation of NAP scheme has been particularly slow in Goa State. The matter has been pursued through letters from Director General of Forests and Special Secretary to the Chief Secretary of the Government of Goa and meeting of the Joint Secretary and Nodal Officer of this Ministry and officials of Government of Goa.